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## Column One
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AT Rangoon the other day Mrs. Pandit said that the West offered death, the East life. Mrs. Pandit is President of the U.N. General Assembly and sister of Mr. Nehru but what she said may be womanish and Indian: the emotionalism of her sex and her race. The Indians, in their old-fashioned way, are always talking about peace.

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MRS. Pandit had been addressing herself to what, at the other end of the world and on the day before the Swedish Prime Minister, Hr. Erlander, had been addressing himself before the Upper House of Parliament in Stockholm — the fact, in Hr. Erlander's words, that "modern means of destruction present great problems for our civilization." He meant Western Civilization, the kind which, according to Mrs Pandit, offers death, as distinct from the Eastern kind, which "has life to offer, in the spreading of love." Who talks about love in the context of world affairs?

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ANYWAY, it is no use arguing about East and West on this basis. Western Civilization is too busy just now to do much about the spreading of love. It has quite enough to do spreading bases, treaties, arms, and — if the Soviet Union is to be accepted *ex officio*, within the realm of Western Civilization — nasty little assassins. Consider this last business first. It is the subject of another of those epdemic investigations into the seamy side of national and international life with which America, to whom Europe on her sickbed has bequeathed Western Civilization, is afflicted.

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THE new investigation on Capitol Hill is into the testimony on State murder given by Nicolai Khokhlov, once an M.V.D. agent; and the examination is being done by Senator Janner and his Senate internal security sub-committee. A fine fellow Nicolai. He repented after having been sent last winter to assassinate Mr. Okolovitch of Frankfurt; but before that he did his job well for the Kremlin Borgias. Once, some years ago, he was sent behind the German lines to blow up a certain gauleiter with a bomb. "The gauleiter blew up at two o'clock one night," said Nicolai, in quiet workaday tones, to Senator Janner and the Senate internal security sub-committee. Naturally, Senator Janner's enquiry is drawing the crowds from the McCarthy-Army investigation and taking attention off the examination of Dr. Oppenheimer.

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ASSASSINATION, hate-mongering and character defamation may not have been the point of Mrs Pandit's East-West comparisons. When she said that what Western Civilization had to offer was death, she was probably thinking of death in a big way. That little matter of Guatemala, although characteristic, may be too small, too ordinary, to come within the scope of her grief. But it was big enough for President Eisenhower to nod his head sombrely about and describe as "disturbing."

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TWO can play at that game. The United States is sending arms to Nicaragua and Honduras, neighbours of Guatemala; and sending them by special air-lift. Before long there should be all the makings of a nice little war. And Colonel Hubert Fauntelroy Julian — his name is familiar: was he not the "Black Eagle" of the Ethiopian War? —, an American Negro who is Guatemala's official purchasing agent and says he buys through a Swiss firm, should become prosperous.

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ALL things considered, perhaps even this is not big enough to justify Mrs. Pandit's harsh chiding of the West. It does not deserve that big, simple, characterization, *Death*: not yet. For whatever may be said about Western Civilization it is not small-minded. It can think in large, atomic terms; and numbers. And that is what may be worrying Mrs Pandit and her brother and perhaps some people of the West.

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HR. Erlander has plans, in that event, for the evacuation of three million Swedes. Already he has deep caves built in the cliffs and mountainsides: Western Civilization become a cave-dweller. Indeed one hopes that Mrs. Pandit was only being womanish and Indian; although, if one looks around, one cannot help thinking...; better not.

*Jerusalem, May 26.*

## Worthwhile Waiting . .

More and more Israelis are recognizing the tremendous importance of quality, when buying furniture. Moti, Netanya, makers of the well-known "Aristocrat" mattresses and finest sofas and armchairs, have been flooded these days with orders, and though they are working overtime, they cannot cope with the enormous demand. They will do their very best to deliver your orders as early as possible — and of course, it is worth waiting for the finest: Moti Furniture.

First-class carpenters and upholsterers should apply to Moti, Netanya, where they will be employed immediately. (Advt.)

# Main Charge Against Lorincz Withdrawn

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The decision on whether the parliamentary immunity of Mr. S. Lorincz is to be suspended for the purpose of investigation into the charge of improper dealings with a $3,000 cheque is due to be taken this morning after a further session of the Knesset Committee.

The Committee met yesterday morning to hear the application of Mr. Haim Cohen, the Attorney-General.

At a press conference that followed, Mr. David Bar-Rav-Hay, chairman of the Committee, said that the Attorney General had withdrawn the main charge, i.e., that the cheque had not been paid into a bank for exchange, after it had transpired that this had in fact been done.

The remaining charges, of having accepted a foreign currency cheque and of having paid out the equivalent in Israel currency before exchanging the cheque, are considered to be of a much less serious nature, and it is understood that the Knesset Committee is likely to vote against recommending to the Knesset as a whole that Mr. Lorincz's immunity should be suspended.

### Paid Into Bank

Mr. Cohen said that he had learned from the Press that the cheque had been properly paid into a bank, and had withdrawn the charge accordingly. He admitted that while he was required to press any criminal charge if he received the appropriate evidence, he had certain powers of discretion. He did not make use of these on principle as this might lead to discrimination. He rejected absolutely Mr. Lorincz's suggestion that he had a "political score" to settle with him.

Mr. Lorincz, in his appearance before the Committee, claimed that he had been wrongly instructed by a bank clerk as to the proper procedure with the cheque in question, but that he had paid it into a bank as soon as the error was pointed out to him.

Following Mr. Cohen's announcement that he was withdrawing the main charge, a feeling prevailed in the Knesset Committee that the alleged offence was only of a technical nature, and that steps should be taken to correct the popular impression that a very serious irregularity had occurred.

### Committee Divided

The Committee was divided in its opinion on the approach to be taken. A minority, consisting of the Mapai members and Mr. I. Harari (Progressives) were of the opinion that the Attorney General's request should be acceded to and the trial held in order to show that no attempt had been made to conceal or whitewash an offence, while other Coalition members, reinforced by the opposition representatives, opposed this step as likely to be interpreted to mean that a serious offence had been committed. It was agreed that there should be a "conscience vote," and that Coalition members are free to vote as they wish.

Several speakers appealed to Mr. Lorincz to agree voluntarily to the suspension of his immunity, while others asked that the Attorney-General should withdraw the whole case in view of the latest developments.

The Knesset Committee is to meet again at 10 o'clock this morning.

### Submits Bill

During the afternoon a Private Member's Bill was circulated by Mr. Lorincz, proposing amendments to the Members' Immunity Bill which would abolish this with regard to criminal charges.

The Lorincz case continued to occupy a good deal of the attention of the Knesset Members and of the Press throughout the day yesterday. Many members expressed their resentment that a charge involving a Member's immunity, and with it the dignity and reputation of the Knesset as a whole, should have been pressed before the elementary facts had been verified. "One telephone call from Mr. Cohen to Mr. Lorincz could have probably saved all this excitement," a member said. "Whatever the truth of the matter, and whatever steps are taken, many members of the public will believe that something has been hushed up, and Agudat Yisrael will claim that they have been victimized."

## Yugoslav Minister Presents Credentials

The new Yugoslav Minister, Mr. Jovan Vukmanovic, presented his credentials to the President in Jerusalem yesterday.

Mr. Vukmanovic, accompanied by Mr. Vinko Trombic, First Secretary of the Yugoslav Legation, arrived at the President's office at 10.30 a.m. and was greeted by a military band playing the Yugoslav national anthem.

In his address to Mr. Ben-Zvi, Mr. Vukmanovic expressed his Government's desire to extend the cordial relations existing between the two countries.

The President's reply recalled the struggle which the two nations had waged against the common enemy during World War II.

## 12 HURT IN IRAQI CLASHES

The last day for the submission of candidates for the Iraqi elections on June 9 was marked in Baghdad on Monday night by clashes between demonstrators and security forces in which 12 persons were injured, ANA reports.

Communist-led demonstrators shouted slogans against the Government and threw stones at the district governor's offices in Kut, southern Iraq. A number of persons were detained.

# Police Search Mizrahi HQ, Probe Members

Various documents and account books of the Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi movements were confiscated and members were questioned, in a widespread search by the Economic Police of their headquarters at Beit Meir in Jerusalem yesterday.

The search was begun in connection with the investigation of Mr. I. Rosenberg, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, who is a member of Mizrahi. The police believe that Mr. Rosenberg is guilty of importing tinned meat in an illegal manner. The exact nature of the confiscated documents has not been revealed by the police.

A sharp protest to the Prime Minister Mr. Moshe Sharett, was sent in yesterday by the World Mizrahi Union. The letter demanded an immediate investigation of those responsible for the search. The Mizrahi charged that the manner of conducting the search was an irresponsible action and an unforgivable moral insult to the entire movement, and that the police could have obtained the documents in a more regular manner. *(Itim)*

# Mrs. Myerson Visits Fasting Rumanians

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — "The fast against the Mandatory Government was held to secure the right of the Jews to immigrate; this fast is being held to secure the right of Jews to emigrate," the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, told the former leaders of Rumanian Jewry, when she visited them today during their fast.

She expressed the belief that the spirit and solidarity of the Jewish people the world over would break the partitions that divide Jews from their captive brothers.

Four of those fasting withdrew today on their doctor's orders. The 48 former leaders of Rumanian Zionism started their fast in the Wedding Hall of the Great Synagogue here to protest the persecution of Jewish leaders in Rumania.

The Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Unterman, appealed to them to put an end to the fast on religious grounds.

## Municipal Tax Law Passes 1st Reading

Amendments to the Municipal Tax Law were presented for their first reading by Mr. I. Rokach, the Minister of the Interior, yesterday. He said that an unfair burden was being placed on some towns by the large number of tax exemptions granted government and diplomatic, charitable and religious bodies. In Jerusalem the total number of rooms occupied by such privileged tenants formed a sizeable proportion of the entire city, as was natural in a capital. These tenants of course obtained all normal services.

He suggested that in future both government and such public organizations as the Jewish National Fund and other national institutions should pay taxes in Jerusalem, to prevent an undue burden on the other tax payers, and to relieve the pressure on the city which was still short of many elementary services.

Mr. Rokach further suggested that Government should pay taxes in "immigrant towns." He was glad to be able to announce that the Government had already agreed to pay municipal taxes in Beersheba, and he thought that this would be a good example.

The proposed amendment was passed to the Interim Committee for further study.

### ELECTION LAY PASSED

The Public Bodies Election Law passed its final reading in the Knesset yesterday, after having remained in Committee since its first reading in the summer of 1951. A law of this nature was originally requested by the World Zionist Congress in connection with elections to the Congress, but it has now been extended to serve any other public body which requires to hold elections in Israel.

According to amendments made in the original draft, the law will apply only to such bodies as wish to submit their elections to Government supervision, but the Government, in turn, may ask for secret ballots and limit voting to persons in possession of voters' cards.

# French Assembly Overrides Gov't, Demands Debate

**PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The National Assembly overriding the Government's wishes today, decided to hold a full-dress debate on Indo-China next Tuesday and Wednesday.**

The Assembly had earlier rejected by 385 votes to 231 a Government proposal that the exact date of the debate should be left open until next Tuesday.

Leading the campaign for an early debate, Mr. Max Lejeune, Socialist Deputy and a former War Minister, said that Foreign Minister George Bidault's attitude in Geneva was liable "not to correspond to the hopes of the Assembly."

He asked the Government also to explain how it was planning to ensure the security of the 200,000 strong French expeditionary corps in Indo-China. "Explanations are necessary because the situation might worsen as the days go by," M. Lejeune added.

The Laniel Government, which survived the last confidence vote by only two votes, will face a stormy Assembly unless the Geneva conference has produced some genuine progress towards an Indo-China truce by then.

# J'lem, Corridor Hit By Brush Fires

Fires due to the heavy *sharav* raged yesterday in several settlements in the Jerusalem Corridor and elsewhere in the country. The Jerusalem fire brigade was busy the entire evening in various parts of the Capital.

According to the Meteorological Service, the *sharav* will continue today in the interior and hill regions but may weaken during the day. In the coastal regions, the outlook is "fair and warm."

Residents and police battled for hours in Kfar Zecharia to put out a conflagration which destroyed 200 dunams of barley at a loss of IL.5,000. Fires also broke out in Taoz and Beit Guvrin causing property damage.

In Safad where there is no fire brigade, two squads of police fought a blaze on Citadel Hill with brooms — the only equipment they had. It was started by a carelessly thrown cigarette butt. There was no damage.

Barley fields in Bakia and Ahisemach, both moshavim near Ramle, suffered extensive damage due to fire.

Several huts in the Amidar quarter of Rishon le-Zion caught alight when a kerosene stove overturned. Damage is estimated at IL.4,000.

At Tlamim, near Huleikat in the south, 200 dunams of barley were burned yesterday.

# Jordanians Shoot At Israel Patrols

Yesterday morning a group of Jordanians entered no-man's land near Latrun and fled following several warning shots by the Israel patrol. At the same time the Israel patrol was fired upon from the vicinity of the Jordanian village of Imwas.

A group of Jordanians penetrated the no-man's land in the vicinty of Latrun at 4 p.m. on Monday, the Army spokesman said. The Jordanians, who began harvesting in the fields, retreated when an Israel patrol fired warning shots.

An Israel patrol ran over a number of metal spikes placed in the road near the Israel-Egypt armistice line about three kms. west of Nirim, at 11 a.m. Monday, the Army spokesman said. The tires of the lorry were punctured.

Machine gun fire from Egyptian positions was opened on an Israel partol north of Kissufim at 5 p.m. on the same day. The patrol returned the fire.

About half-an-hour later a patrol lorry was halted by metal spikes in the road and was fired on from Egyptian positions across the line. No member of the patrol was injured.

# Soviet Says US Inciting Attack On Guatemala; Dullos Sure of Britain

## No Decision on Far East Parley

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said at a press conference today that he was confident that Britain would participate in any collective security organization against Communism in South-East Asia.

A the same time Mr. Dulles reaffirmed that the United States would not intervene militarily in the area, unilaterally or otherwise, without Congressional approval of the action.

The Secretary told reporters that it was possible that Communist delegates at the Geneva Conference on Indo-China were stalling in order to secure military advantages on the battle field.

He still contended that there has been no final decision yet on holding five-Power military talks on Indo-China here, although he admitted that the possibility was under discussion. He added that if such military talks were held they would be somewhat different from the informal staff talks which the five countries concerned — the U.S., Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand — have held in Singapore during the past two years.

In response to a question, Mr. Dulles categorically denied that the United States has made any proposals that it assume supreme command in Indo-China if American forces intervene militarily there.

### Lauds France

He said he believes that France has gone a long way towards juridical implementation of her promise of last July to grant complete independence to the three Associated States of Indo-China. The main difficulty now, he added, is to convince the Indo-Chinese and the rest of the Asians that France is really sincere in wanting to work out this independence.

Translation of the spirit of independence into a sense of liberty on the part of the Indo-Chinese was necessary to inculcate an attitude of liberty in the people Mr. Dulles stated, adding that there was much to be done yet with respect to the attitude the French take towards the native people.

Mr. Dulles stated that the United States probably would support the sending of a United Nations peace observation mission to Indo-China if an appeal for such a mission were made.

He noted that there have been desultory discussions over the past year concerning the possibility of bringing the United Nations into the situation in South-East Asia and that prospects for this seemed somewhat brighter at present.

### No Intervention Asked

Mr. Dulles said flatly that the French government has not requested unilateral American intervention in the Indo-China fight. He stated that French and American officials have had some conversations in which the French had sought to explore the conditions under which the United States might possibly intervene, and added that France has been advised of the long-standing conditions which include United States Congressional approval of any such action. Other conditions were that any United States intervention must be on the basis of mutuality and in accordance with the principles of the United Nations charter.

The nations directly concerned in the area must recognize their peril and want collective action, he said. He added that the United States will not undertake a defence of colonialism, but only the achievement of freedom for the people concerned.

The secretary was asked whether he had any information on a reported week-end change in the British attitude towards South-East Asian action.

Mr. Dulles replied that he knew nothing more than what he had read in the newspapers. He had received no information from Under-Secretary Walter Bedell Smith, who is heading the American delegation at Geneva, concerning any discussions with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden since the latter's return to Geneva from his week-end in London.

When he was asked what he thought about reports that the

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## Churchill Wants Separate Talks

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill insisted today that five-power military staff talks on Indo-China be completely separate from the South-East Asia defence alliance proposed by the United States.

He said that such alliance would in any case take a long time to put into effect, and he bluntly repeated to the Commons that five-power military staff talks would involve no commitments for Britain.

The 79-year-old Prime Minister went out of his way, however, in the wake of troubled and strained days for the Anglo-American alliance over South-East Asia, to praise the U.S.

Informed sources in London and Geneva said that the five-power staff talks between the U.S., Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand would open in Washington this week or next, but there has been no official announcement.

"As I made clear in reply to a question on May 17, the five-power staff agency discussions are directed to immediate practical issues and are quite distinct from the question of a collective defence organization for South East Asia, which will, in any case, take a considerable time to bring into effective working order," Sir Winston told questioners.

"These staff discussions involve no specific commitments on the part of those concerned."

Turning to the Geneva Conference on Indo-China, Sir Winston said:

"Our main object at the Conference is to bring about a helpful and fruitful result and to establish comprehending and friendly contacts with the members of the Conference; to work in the closest possible accord with the Commonwealth countries, which we are doing, and to work with our Allies and, of course, with the U.S. with whom we have so many precious ties."

## Eden Proposes Rival Commands Meet

GENEVA, Tuesday (Reuter).— The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, was today reported to have proposed that representatives of the two opposing high commands in Indo-China be brought to Geneva to discuss cease-fire and regrouping of forces. The high commands would act as advisers to the nine-nation conference now trying to end the seven-year old war.

Apart from Mr. Eden's proposals, made at the sixth closed session, the Vietminh delegation submitted a detailed proposal on the cease-fire and regrouping, sources said. The Vietminh Deputy Premier, Pham Van Dong proposed that the opposing forces should be regrouped into two zones, but he did not say whether the regrouping should apply to all three Associated States—Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam—as he had demanded in his first proposals to the conference on May 10.

The Indo-China conference will meet again in secret session on Thursday, a communique after today's session stated. The 19-nation plenary session on Korea, scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed until Friday, an authoritative source announced. The reason for the postponement was not immediately known.

Conference sources said that the atmosphere at today's session, which lasted for more than four hours was "good — much better than usual." Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, presided.

## Greece and Britain Quarrel Over Cyprus

STRASBOURG, Tuesday (UP). — Greek and British delegates clashed bitterly over the problem of Cyprus, in the political debate of the 15-nation Council of Europe Consultative Assembly today.

Greek Rally delegates, Mr. Stamatios Mercouris and Mr. Tassos Droulias, violently attacked British policy, declaring:

"The majority of the Cyprus people demand reunification with Greece. Britain should demonstrate her anxiety about maintaining good relations with Greece by returning the island."

Mr. George Fletcher Cooke, British M.P., answered that Cyprus was a vital link in the Western defence system, and the defence matters took priority over everything else.

Mr. Paul Struta, Belgium, proposed a working party to study the question.

In the general debate, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Leader of the British Labour Party, predicted that West Europe would be "bitterly sorry" if it fails to admit West Germany into the European Defence Community.

## USSR Raps Arming of Neighbours

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Radio Moscow today accused the United States of arming Nicaragua and Honduras in preparation for "an attack on Guatemala." The Kremlin mouthpiece reacted with unusual alacrity to the U.S. State Department announcement of the arms airlift to the two Central American republics. Guatemala recently received a shipment of arms from Eastern Europe.

Moscow Radio's attack came only a few hours after the Washington announcement.

The commentator said that "Washington has disgraced itself to such an extent" in the eyes of world opinion that it could no longer "carry out acts of aggression" against Guatemala.

"That is why the U.S. is now trying to get other hands to pull its chestnuts out of the fire," the broadcast, monitored here, said.

Moscow noted the recent meeting of U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and the Nicaraguan Ambassador which reports said concerned the convening of a Pan-American Conference on Guatemala.

"The United States is seeking to organize intervention against Guatemala in such a way as to give the impression of collective measures and thus avoid being accused of more North American interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

"The aggressive circles of the U.S. apparently do not want to understand that high-handed colonial policy is a thing of the past," the broadcast concluded.

## Guatemala-Honduras War Said 'Imminent'

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, at his news conference today, declared that Guatemala is now the most dominant military power in Central America. He made the statement close on the heels of reports that war between Guatemala and Honduras "appeared imminent."

Mr. Dulles said that the recent 2,000-ton Communist arms shipment could be intended for use in building up a military strongpoint near the Panama Canal. Even before this shipment, he pointed out, Guatemala had a "military establishment three or four times the size of its neighbours such as Nicaragua, Honduras or El Salvador.

Mr. Dulles said that if hostilities should break out in the Central American area, "we would expect collective action under treaty obligations to stop them." A meeting of the American nations could be called on 24-hours' notice and in such an event he would anticipate possible action speedily. After describing how the arms shipment was made from Poland to Guatemala, he stated that this one arms shipment has helped "a government in which Communist influence is very strong... come into a position to dominate militarily the Central American area," and added that Guatemala has already made gestures which have alarmed her neighbours.

### Three Points

In a prepared statement, Mr. Dulles listed three points in judging Communist influence in Guatamala:

"1. Guatemala is the only American state which has not completed ratification of the Rio Pact of the Americas;

2. Guatemala was the only one of the American states which at the last inter-American conference at Caracas voted against a declaration that 'the domination or control of the political institutions of any American state by the international Communist movement, extending to this hemisphere the political system of an extra-continental power, would constitute a threat to the sovereignty and political independence of the American states, endangering the peace of America,' and

3. Guatemala is the only American nation to be the recipient of a massive shipment of arms from Eastern Europe.

## Asian Socialists Hit Imperialism

KALAW, Burma, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Burmese Defence Minister, Mr. U Ba Swe, said here today that Asiatic countries should work together for the expulsion of all colonial interests from Asia.

He was giving his chairman's speech at the Anti-Colonial Bureau of the Asian Socalist Conference, and listed this as one of four points on which Asian policy must be based.

Mr. Ba Swe added that they must also resist the efforts of both Atlantic and Soviet blocs to draw them into their orbits; work for effective economic cooperation, and pursue efforts for a constructive peace and positive action at the U.N.

A resolution passed by the Coordinating Committee of the Bureau condemned colonialism as a "threat to world peace."

## Bakers Won't Take Wage Cut

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The average monthly wage of a bakery worker is IL.330, the 'minimum possible remuneration for the hard work involved," the Bakers' Union stated here today. They were reacting to a reported recommendation of the Economic Advisory Staff that wages by lowered. The Staff has advised the Government that the price of bread need not be raised.

## Mapai Warns Doctors

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Mapai Central Committee yesterday demanded that striking doctors who are party members immediately cease any activity prejudicial to the authority of the Histadrut.

A statement was issued saying that doctors who fail to heed the warning might be expelled from the party. The hope was expressed that a doctor who is a party member would not lend himself to help those who aim to undermine the Labour Federation.

## Man Kills Woman, Then Shoots Self

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — A double killing took place at Shikun Yishai in Kfar Ono, south of here, at 11 o'clock tonight. Menashe Tzanker, 28, shot Rachel Katz, 25, a mother of two children, and then killed himself. The bodies were taken to Tel Hashomer.

## Chiefs-of-Staff May Meet Next Week

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Authoritative sources said here today that Britain was now reported in favour of a five-Power military conference on South-East Asia being held at the Chiefs-of-Staff level.

They said that this conference is likely to be held next week.

According to these sources, the Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs-of-Staff, Admiral Arthur Radford, wants a guaranteed defence line drawn as far north as possible in Indo-China, if there is no armistice.

On the other hand, the Chief of the (British) Imperial General Staff, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, is said to believe that any defence line in Indo-China would be difficult to guarantee without the use of large Allied forces.

The five Powers concerned are the U.S., Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand.

## World Powers Meet Twice on Disarming

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The secret disarmament conference of the worlds five major atomic Powers met twice here today under the chairmanship of former French Defence Minister, M. Jules Moch.

Usually well-informed sources believe that the conference now has before it blueprints for comprehensive disarmament in the atomic and conventional spheres submitted by both East and West.

So far, the Soviet Union has contested the Western view that control and inspection machinery must be set up before an agreed reduction in arms can be undertaken. The conference, which opened on May 13, is convened by a subcommittee of the U.N. Disarmament Commission to which it must report by mid-July.

## US Proceeding With Atom Pool Plan

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.—The Secretary of State Mr. Dulles, said today that the State Department was about to send a new note to the Soviet Union on President Eisenhower's proposal for an international atomic energy pool.

Mr. Dulles told his press conference that the U.S. was now having final consultations with the countries chiefly concerned—presumably Britain and France.

Russia's answer to the previous American note is understood here to have been "unsatisfactory." *(Reuter, UP)*

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# New Strip of Eilat Road Open

The first new section of the Eilat road is officially open, and all traffic to the southern port is now routed over the retraced highway.

Wider and smoother than the the section it replaces, this strip lengthens the journey from Beersheba to Eilat by a few kilometres to an overall length of 244 kms. However, the superior construction of this 111 km. section more than compensates for the greater "kilometrage," permitting a higher average speed and cutting down the travelling time.

Construction on the new strip began in October, 1951, after the Army Engineering Corps conducted an extensive survey of the southern Negev. However, it represents the implementation only of the first part of the Army engineers' work. A second section, which would more than make up for the increased distance, was halted because of lack of funds.

Journalists who made a three-day trip over the new highway could tell that it was built with marl (and not kaolin as reported earlier) only by the white dust raised by passing cars. In travel comfort, the purely marl sections are not inferior to the asphalted parts.

The new strip starts near Kfar Yeruham, about 22 kms. from Beersheba, where it leaves the Sdom road and joins the old Arava road only at Be'er Menjha, 88 kms. from Eilat. At no point does the newly opened section pass near the border.

## WATER TAPS RUN DRY ON CARMEL

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Irate Mt. Carmel residents found water taps dry yesterday afternoon and did not know by dinnertime when the supply would be renewed.

It was learned that the Palestine Electric Corporation had spent two-and-a-half hours in the afternoon repairing a transformer through which a pumping station is powered. Simultaneous repairs in its own network by the Mt. Carmel Water Supply Co. had not yet been completed by nightfall. The water company has offered no explanation to its consumers.

### PURCHASE TAX

The new Purchase Tax Law, which will replace the former luxury tax law, passed its final reading in the Knesset yesterday. Only minor changes have been made in the draft since it was presented for the first reading shortly before the Knesset summer recess.

## New Mid-East C-in-C

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Major-General Richard A. Hull, Chief of Staff at British Army headquarters in the Middle East, will take over next month from Lieut. General Sir Francis Festing as General Officer Commanding British troops in Egypt, the War Office announced tonight. He will hold the temporary rank of Lieut. General in his new appointment.

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## Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi attended a memorial meeting yesterday commemorating the fifth anniversary of the death of Rabbi Haim Tchernowitz (Rav Tzair) at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Myriam Granott, in Jerusalem. Profes. or S. Halkin and Dr. Y. Wolfsberg paid tribute to Rabbi Tchernowitz.

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Mr. Beri Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, was host at a tea given at his home in Jerusalem on Monday, for Mrs. Mary Sutherland, Chief Women's Officer of the British Labour Party.

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The Soviet Minister and Mrs. Abramov, accompanied by Mr. M.M. Popov, Cultural Attache, visited the National Museum Bezalel in Jerusalem yesterday.

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Mr. Eliezer Doron, Israel Consul in New York, arrived by Air France yesterday for consultations.

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Archbishop George Hakim of the Greek Catholic Church in Israel left by TWA yesterday for Rome to represent the Holy Land at the canonization exercises for Pope Pius X in the Vatican on Saturday. He will remain in Europe for two months, visiting Italy, Spain, France, Belgium and Holland.

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Dr. G. Wise, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, arrived by Air France yesterday to attend the cornerstone-laying ceremonies of the new University buildings in Jerusalem on June 2.

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Dr. Aria Frankel, Field Director of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, arrived yesterday on private business.

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Mr. A. Benroy, President of the World Sephardi Federation, left for London by KLM yesterday, after attending the World Sephardi Congress in Jerusalem.

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A three-man delegation from the Institute for Immigration and Settlement in Colombia, arrived by El Al yesterday to study settlement problems in Israel. The delegation members are: Colonel F. Saena, Dr. A. Bergman, and Father R. Sabogal.

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Dr. Alec Lerner, Chairman of the Friends of the Israel Anti-Tuberculosis League in London, arrived yesterday on behalf of the League.

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Mr. H. Y. Natan, Managing Director of Mira Trading Co. Ltd., has returned by air from a short business trip in Europe.

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Mr. F. Garson, Chairman of the UJA in Atlanta, Georgia, and Mrs. Garson, Chairman of Hadassah in that city, arrived by KLM yesterday for a two-week visit.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place at 7.15 p.m. today at the King David Hotel.

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An informal gathering of Automobile and Touring Club members will take place on Thursday May 27 at the Ramat Aviv Hotel at 8.30 p.m.

## General Council To Open Herzl Year

The Presidium of the Zionist General Council met in Jerusalem yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. Joseph Sprinzak. Mr. B. Locker, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Rabbi Z. Gold, Mr. E. Dobkin and Dr. G. Josephthal participated.

Mr. Sprinzak opened the meeting by eulogizing Selig Brodetsky.

The opening session of the Zionist General Council, on July 21 (Tammuz 20), the 50th anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl, will be dedicated to his memory and will mark the beginning of Herzl Year.

The assembly will deal with the present role of the Zionist Movement and preparations for the forthcoming 24th Zionist Congress.

Yesterday's Press:

# Warning Against Witch-Hunt

"Haboker" (General Zionist), commenting on the charges against two Knesset Members, warns of the "witch-hunt atmosphere" which may develop in Israel. The public is certainly interested in discovering and punishing all criminal acts, including those perpetrated by personalities in high places, but it must be convinced that the charges are really sound and not made for party tactics. The paper regrets the premature sensational publicity given to the (so far unproven) allegation both here and abroad.

"Haboker" notes that our economic legislation has been so all-comprehending during recent years that it will be hard to find anybody who has not unwillingly transgressed this or that regulation.

"Hatzofe" (Mizrahi World Union) welcomes the statement of the Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Mr. I. Rosenberg, who has asked to be relieved of his Cabinet duties until the allegations against him are fully investigated. The paper emphasizes that justice should be done without regard of personality, but at the same time every citizen has the right to expect that official Government circles shall not serve as reporters for the sensational press, and this aspect of the affair should also be investigated.

"Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) feels that public opinion takes the side of Rabbi Lorincz, M.K., against the Attorney General, Mr. H. Cohen, and the latter should take the consequences of his latest failure. The paper asserts that the allegations against Lorincz have been framed for political reasons, and recalls the Jalameh affair three years ago.

### Dignified Debate

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) says that the Knesset debate on the arrest of Zionists in Rumania was highly dignified, in spite of the dissonant voice of Makl. The Knesset has given expression to the unanimous sentiment of the people, which demands, for both humanitarian and national reasons, the early release and emigration of the Rumanian Zionists. The paper hopes that the leaders of the Rumanian People's Republic may eventually understand this sentiment and act accordingly.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) suggests that the Israel trade delegation which is due to leave for Poland should take up the question of the Jewish National Fund's frozen accounts, and of the proceeds from the sale of Jewish property in Poland.

In another leader, the paper deplores the weakness of Israel's public relations abroad which leave the important field of informing the foreign public about our border situation open almost exclusively to the initiative of Jordan and of biased U.N. circles.

### High Tension

"Omer" (Histadrut) says that the borders between Israel and her Arab neighbours are not in need of electric barbed wire, as suggested by "The Economist" of London, but, on the contrary, of lessening of "electric high tension," and this should be brought about by political and economic means. "Herut" charges the Israel Government with acquiescing in the American policy of arming Iraq and other Arab countries, and fears that Israel's "indifference" may encourage the State Department to go on with appeasing the Arabs at the expense of Israel.

In "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) Mr. Y. Gruenbaum warns of illusions as to American intentions towards Israel, and deprecates recent "consoling" statements of U.S. leaders. In its leading article, the Mapam paper exhorts Tnuva to do more for Arab agricultural cooperatives.

"Davar (Histadrut) urges the speedy development of the town of Hatzor in Upper Galilee, where many unemployed from Tiberias might find decent housing and work. "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) demands urgent measures against unemployment.

"Hatzofe" speaks out against Mr. D. Ben Gurion's idea of a "non-party" State-sponsored unified youth movement. Since the ex-Prime Minister himself is an outspoken party man, the Mizrahi paper suspects political intentions behind this move, which reminds it of certain undemocratic regimes.

# US Senate Report Says Hitler's Generals in E. German Force

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — A survey published by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recently said that Hitler's generals and other former high Nazi officers were turning up in the uniform of Soviet-controlled East Germany's police force.

The survey also cited what it said were resemblances to methods of the Nazi regime in East Germany's labour and youth policies.

Prepared by Library of Congress specialists, the survey concluded that East German workers and housewives would provide the real cadres of continued resistance to Soviet domination, and that integration of West Germany into a European Community could intensify such resistance.

The officer corps which also includes Russians "has not shown significant indications of large-scale unreliability," the survey continued, but from 1949 to 1953

As for Labour, the study said, "The Hitler period trained the German workers along the lines and spying on each other, but of regimentation, exploitation the present working conditions in the Soviet Zone with their terror and quota system go far beyond the preceding totalitarian system."

The survey added, "In order to create a new and reliable *elite*, children from 'bourgeois families' are excluded from advanced education which is reserved for applicants whose parents have a 'satisfactory proletarian background' and who are endorsed by some unit of the Party machine, and especially the Communist youth organization."

The same study stated that East Germany's Soviet masters were trying not only to Communize, but also to Sovietize the country's customs, arts and language.

## Beit Ha'am Asks Help for Completion

A meeting of the Beit Ha'am Committee at the Jerusalem Municipality on Monday resolved: a) to call on the Knesset to accelerate the transfer of the Beit Ha'am building to serve its proper purpose; b) to demand the assistance of the Knesset and the National Institutions in securing funds for the completion of the building; c) to call on the Municipality to appoint a permanent committee to deal exclusively with Beit Ha'am questions and d) to ask the Jewish Agency and the Municipality to settle the debt due to the Jerusalem Economic Corporation.

### TO ORGANIZE PARLEY

Professor R. Bachi, Dean of the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences—the Hebrew University, has been invited to serve as one of the organizers of the World Population Conference, which is to be held in Rome in September 1954, upon the initiative of the Population Division of the United Nations in cooperation with the International Union for Scientific Investigation of Population.

## 'Man's Best Friend'

MELBOURNE, Tuesday (Reuter). — A man has died in hospital in Victoria, Northern Territory, after being shot in the back by his dog.

Mr. Victor Jencke on a shooting trip with friends was driving a lorry. In the back of it was his retriever dog and his automatic shotgun.

The dog playfully pawed the trigger. The shot ripped through the back of the car and hit Mr. Jencke in the back.

# Beersheba to Hold First Fruits Fete

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A harvest festival and parade will take place on June 9 in Beersheba. Sponsored jointly by the Beersheba Municipality, the Histadrut, and the Jewish National Fund, the parade will feature the "first fruits" of industry as well as those of agricultural settlements throughout the Negev.

Prizes will be awarded for the finest trucks in the parade and for the most beautifully decorated balconies and gardens in town.

Representatives of settlements will appear on camels and horseback and such industrial enterprises as the Potash Works and the Phosphate Mines will participate.

Afterwards there will be dancing in the streets.

# Gymnasts Go After Successful Tour

The Sofia Flikorna team, trained by Maja Cariquist, which left yesterday for Istanbul by SAS after a week's tour, brought to Israel audiences, made up largely of young people, olympic-standard gymnastics.

Watching these lovely, blond Swedish girls in their light blue uniforms on the stage of the Edison Hall in Jerusalem was a great event for Jerusalem's youth. The enthusiastic applause was justification enough for inviting this famous team to Israel.

Their display was quite different from the old Swedish gymnastic style. The change, according to Mrs. Cariquist, is based on the rhythm principle —rhythm, relaxation and moving naturally.

This, then, is what we saw. The group marched on stage carrying the Swedish flag while the police band played the Swedish national anthem and then Hatikva. Starting with graceful skipping exercises, they dropped their ropes to do rhythmical movements with the stress on relaxing and stretching.

The girls reached the height of their performance by executing exercises with apparatus, beautifully done on top of the beam.

Then came the mat exercises with hand springs and tumblings. It is amazing what the human body can endure when trained.

All this was accomplished without any musical accompaniment. "Music has an external influence," says Mrs. Cariquist. "The secret is in the quality of movement and the key is in rhythmically-stressed timing. The idea is to use the least possible tension with the greatest possible effect."

During intermission folk dances and parallel bar gymnastics were performed by local talent.

*YEHUDIT MALKOV*

THE MEDICAL STUDENTS Union is to hold a Ball at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem on June 12. The Union supports needy students, is instrumental in securing scholarships and maintains various services for the benefit of students.

## Tel Aviv Stock Market

| May 25. | | Rise or Fall |
|---|---|---|
| Govt. Loans | | |
| 4% 1950 (reg.) | 100 | — |
| 4% 1955 (reg.) | 100½ | — |
| 4% 1958 (reg.) | 100½ | — |
| Pop. Loans | | |
| 1949/59 (11. 10) | 105 | +1a) |
| 1950/75 (11. 10) | 98 | — |
| 4½% Tavel Dollar | 1370 | +0 |
| 4½% War Loan 54/59 | 81½ | — |
| 4½% Govt Bonds large | 94½ | — |
| Pal. Bearer Bd. | | |
| Ser. 1 | 74½ | +½ |
| Ser. 2 | 73½ | +½ |
| Ser. 3 | 72½ | +½ |
| Ser. 4 | 303 | — |
| 6 Local Ord sh | 99½ | — |
| A.F.S. Invest. | | — |
| 6% Debs 50/70 | 104½ | — |
| 6½% Pref sh. | 114½ | — |
| Ord sh "P" | 104½ | — |
| Gazit Ord. Sh. "P" | | — |
| Geo Mertz sh | 78 | — |
| 6% Debs 62/68 | 73½ | — |
| 6% Pref. sh. | | |
| Hisur | 90 | — |
| 6% Debs 66/68 | 76½ | — |
| 6½% Debs 53/68 reg. | | |
| Shr Ltd. | 81 | — |
| 6% Debs 59/69 | 70½ | —½ |
| 6% Pref sh | 78½ | — |
| Frau Debs 4% 62/68 | | — |
| P.L.D.C. Ord sh reg | 156½ | — |
| 6% Debs | 83 | — |
| Afr Pal Inv Ord sh | 123½ | — |
| Bassee | | |
| 4% Debs 56/68 | 68 | — |
| 6% Pref Ord sh. | 94½ | — |
| Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh | 396 | +1 |
| "A" ord sh. | 239 | +2 |
| Pal. Elec. Ord sh (Ser.) | 484 | +3 |
| Mehoreth Pref sh. | 70½ | — |
| Ata 6% "C" Pref.sh | 109 | — |
| Ord. "B" sh. | 143 | — |
| Ord. "C" sh. | 143½ | — |
| 6-8% Con. Debs. | 104½ | +1½ |
| "Kurdanah" Ord "B" sh | 150 | — |
| Ord. "C" sh | 180 | — |
| 7% Conv. Debs. 59/68 | 110½ | —½ |
| Assis-Baj. "B" sh | 157 | — |
| "Tova" Ord. sh. | 100½ | — |
| Nesher 6% Debs Ser. A | 112½ | —½ |
| 6% Debs Ser. B | 136 | +1 |
| Pal. Cold St. 7% Debs. | 148½ | +½ |
| Lodzia 6½% Pref sh. | 77½ | — |
| G.A. Binyan Ord.sh | 83 | —b) |
| Pal. Centr. Tr pref sh | 94 | —a) |

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex right; x) protest per one Dollar

DANUBE. — Hungary and Austria have signed an agreement in Budapest regulating navigation on the Danube, the Hungarian news agency reports.

# Haifa to Entertain Its 'Own' Golani

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Golani Infantry Brigade is to be the guest of Haifa during its three-day convention, from June 8 to 10, the Brigade Commander and Mayor A. Khousby told the Press here today. The dates were chosen to commemorate the battle of Sejera in Galilee on June 7, 1948, which was won by the Brigade, thus ensuring the liberation of Galilee.

The convention will also mark the end of an intensive training period, and will demonstrate the "foot-slogger's" achievements to the public, which usually notices the man in uniform only while pushing ahead in bus queues.

The soldiers will "invade" Haifa next Monday night and pitch their tents in empty lots throughout the town in order to show the public how the men live in the field.

Tuesday will be a day of receptions, while the Brigade's sports day will be held on Wednesday in the presence of the Chief-of-Staff.

The highlight of the visit will be a parade of the entire brigade, including auxiliary units and armaments, through the main streets on Wednesday night.

On Thursday, 1,500 guests from Haifa and the whole country will be invited to a dress parade, after which the Defence Minister will present the Brigade with the pennants awarded it to commemorate its battles.

The Commander recalled today that the Golani Brigade was established during the War of Liberation by northern settlers and men from Haifa. After clearing Galilee, the Brigade helped to liberate the Negev, encircling the Egyptian Army. Finally, it opened the Arava road to Eilat where it hoisted the Israel flag.

## AT THE CINEMA

A PLEASANT little film is "Heidi" (at the Armon David in Tel Aviv). This Swiss adaptation of Johanna Spyri's classic tale for little girls gives an honest and straightforward account of Heidi's life with her grandfather in a tiny hut in the Swiss Alpes and of her unfortunate trip to Frankfurt. Her adventures there and her nostalgia for the mountains and final return excited even the older generation of moviegoers.

Acting and photography are most enjoyable. The film is dubbed into English.

### Thing of Nonsense

"THE Thing" at the Migdalor, produced by Howard Hawk, is a rather nonsensical and not always amusing yarn concerning the men of a U.S. Airforce base in Alaska, (including the usual stupid New York reporter) who find a crashed flying saucer. Until they succeed in destroying the only survivor they do more talking than anything else. The pretty girl is mainly occupied with preparing coffee.

What strikes me most is that the military authorities in the United States gave their permission to have Army personnel portrayed in such an absurd light.

### Breathtaking Errand

BASED on a Peter Cheney yarn, "Sinister Errand," the film "Diplomatic Courier" (Mograbi Tel Aviv) is typical of recent American films shot in Europe. It is interesting that as long as Tyrone Power the U.S. diplomatic courier is on the move from Paris to Trieste, the film is breathtaking as action and changing landscapes are marvellously combined in one single dramatic impulse. The documentary approach by the director (Henry Hathaway) and the cameraman to the confusion on Salzburg station and on the Orient Express is enlightening.

However, when Tyrone's voyage comes to an unexpected end in Trieste, the picture bogs down as well.

The three newsreels shown this week in Tel Aviv's cinemas are no less exciting in their documentary value than is the fiction of the Peter Cheney story. Fox, Actualites Francaises, and Geva, are full of exciting material. The scene at Sidney airoprt where Mrs. Petrov is taken off the plane which is to take her to Russia, represents a masterpiece of film reporting. No less impressive are the pictures of Queen Elizabeth's visit to Colombo and Ceylon, and (in the Geva newsreel) the showing of the medical examination of the Japanese fishermen suffering from the effects of radioactive ash. On the other hand, our newsreel contains too many speeches and the Minister of Commerce and Industry is again shown visiting a factory. When reporting on the festivities in Ashkelon, nothing of the new city was shown. There were only speech-making personalities.

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## Where to go

**JERUSALEM**

★ **Exhibitions:—**
Exhibition of paintings by Hanna Lerner and Wilhelm Schocken, Artists' House, 10-1 4-7 p.m.

★ **Archaeology:** —
Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, near Beersheba, Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

★ **Watercolours:** —
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamillah Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 3-6.

★ **Tours:** —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Shows:** —
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

**TEL AVIV**

★ **Bazaar:**
Annual Bazaar, Tel Aviv Branch Anti-Tuberculosis League, Ramat Aviv Hotel.

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Arie Vechsuser's Exhibition of oil paintings and watercolours, Katz Art Gallery, 97 Reh. Dizengoff. Daily 10-1, 3-7 until Friday, 28/5/54, 1 p.m. Paintings 1952/54 by Mokady. Modern Mexican Graphic Art. Museum, 10-1, 4-7 p.m. Oil paintings, watercolours and drawings, by Mrs. Claire Szilard-Baum, at Chemerinsky Gallery 26 Reh. Gordon, (11—1, 4—8).

★ **Theatre:** —
"The Trouble Makers", Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m. Habimah, "Macbeth," Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m.

★ **Entertainment:** —
Concert at Noga Cafe, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

**HAIFA**

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Collective Exhibition by Haifa Artists.— Municipal Museum of Modern Art, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-8 p.m. closing tomorrow.

★ **Entertainment:** —
Dancing-Floorshow at Ciro Bar.

★ **Theatre:** —
Habimah, "Tuvia The Milkman," Orah Hall 8.30 p.m.

**AFFULA**

★ **Theatre:** —
"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.

## ON THE AIR

SHEMUEL: 49T M.; HAIFA: 260 M.; TEL AVIV: 22.8, 48.9 & 422 M.

**FIRST PROGRAMME**

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.35, 9.30 & 11.30 a.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 3.15 & 6.15 p.m.

6.00 a.m. Haifa Programme.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.55 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. Music at Noon (R). 12.30 Opera Hour (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Music (R). 4.45 "Jerusalem" Ensemble, directed by Joseph Ben Israel: Oriental Music. 5.15 Working Woman. 5.35 Interlude (R). 6.50 Children's Hour. 7.00 Musical Echoes (R). 7.30 Agricultural Corner. 7.30 Cantoral Request Programme (R). 8.00 "My Anthology". 8.34 Bible Reading. 8.45 "I Remember." 9.00 Information Please. 9.30 Light Music (R). 9.45 Vocal Recital: Edith della Pergola. 10.10 Classical Request Programme: "Pictures from an Exhibition" (Mussorgsky-Ravel); Suite from "The Three Cornered Hat" (Falla). 11.05 Close Down.

**SECOND PROGRAMME**

458, 392, 316, 48.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (31.5, 24.9 & 449 M.): 6.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (25.5 M.): 11.15 News. 11.25 Industrial Review. 11.30 Musical Greetings (R). 11.45 "The Week's News."

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 223 & 259 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Vocal Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 "Rhapsody." 8.00 "Story of the Dance." 8.30 News. 9.00 Lucky Listener. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C.'S HEBREW BROADCAST (19.63, 31.55, 34.65 & 32.50 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News; News Talks; Youth Magazine.

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Entrance free.
The public is welcome.

**STATE LOANS ADMINISTRATION**
**Drawing of War Loan (Bearer Bonds) 1954, 1st issue.**

The 25th Drawing of the War Loan will take place on Wednesday, June 2, 1954, at 10 a.m. at the "Ohel Shem" Hall, 30 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv.
Entrance free.
The public is welcome.

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**104,648 HOUSING UNITS** were built under the Government's housing programme for immigrants between the years 1949 and 1954. The last project, of 1,549 units, was finished in March. At present under construction are 7,589 units, and agreements for 2,500 additional units have been made with contractors, the Government has announced.

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**30 PASSENGERS** in an Egged bus had a lucky escape on Monday evening when the two rear wheels of the bus broke away at the same time. The driver, Mr. Y. Amir, of Beer Tuvia, managed to pull up safely. Mrs. Batya Klein, 25, of Jerusalem, the only person injured, was taken to the Assaf Harofe hospital. The incident occurred on the Ness Ziona-Tel Aviv road.

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**ABOUT 20** afforestation workers from the Corridor demonstrated yesterday at the Jewish Agency offices in Jerusalem demanding salary allegedly due them for two months. They returned to work when they were promised that they would be paid early next week.

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**HAIFA'S CIVIL** Defence preparedness is to be tested today. A two-minute siren blast will be sounded without notice. In the event of a real emergency, a series of short blasts will be sounded.

### Histadrut Housing Companies to Merge

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV, Tuesday.** — Shikun, the Histadrut urban housing company, and Neve Oved its rural housing company, are due to merge shortly after months of negotiations, it was learned here today. The merger will save large overhead expenses and abolish duplication in administration. The companies are the largest builders in the country.

Shikun has existed since 1935, while the second company is ten years old.

Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut's holding company, is to meet on Thursday to take a formal decision on the merger. Mr. Z. Onn, Director General of Hevrat Ovdim, was the major figure in bringing about the merger, overruling various "vested interests" in the companies.

### IPO Recordings End with 'Fanfare'

**TEL AVIV, Tuesday.** — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra held its last recording session in Rishon le-Zion today, after four weeks of work for the Columbia company. The last work recorded was Paul Ben-Haim's "Fanfare."

The I.P.O. announced today that Mr. Michael Taube, and not Mr. Paul Klecki will conduct the orchestra's opening concert at the festival of the International Society for Contemporary Music in Haifa; the rostrum will be shared with Mr. Heinz Freudenthal.

# Less Spent Abroad On Consumer Goods

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel spent 56% of her $260m. foreign currency budget for the nine-month period, July, 1953 — March, 1954, on consumption, 17% on investment, 14% on import of goods to be processed for re-export, and 13% on debt repayment and reserves.

This was learned yesterday at a press conference in Jerusalem with the Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Pinhas Sapir.

During the preceding 12 months, IL.262m. was spent as follows: consumption 68%; investment 16%; import for re-export purposes 10%, with the balance for reserve and debt repayment. The consumption figure includes services and defence, food, fuel and similar commodities.

The 1953/54 budget was of nine months duration in order to bring it in step with the ordinary fiscal year which ends in March, Mr. Sapir explained.

The income for the two budget years came from three sources: "free" dollars (export earnings, public funds, Bond Drive, part of the American Grant-in-Aid), free sterling earnings and public funds' transfer; and "earmarked" funds (most of the Grant-in-Aid, for goods; Reparations, also goods; export to countries with whom Israel has trade agreements, and goods imported by public institutions). Funds imported with Investment Centre approval, and transfer of immigrants' capital are not included in this budget.

**Budget in Preparation**

At the press conference, also attended by the Foreign Currency Controller, Mr. Raphael Molcho, his Deputy, Mr. D. Shoham, and the latter's Assistant, Mr. Michael Berger, Mr. Sapir said that the foreign currency budget for 1954/55 is now being prepared. He added that the budget is linked with the Ordinary and Development Budgets, but requires only Cabinet, and not Knesset, approval.

Much improvement has been made in the light of experience, the Treasury Director General stated. In order to avoid collusion in prices, the Government attempts to separate suppliers of goods and extenders of credit.

The country's international credit position is steadily improving, as evidenced by the lower rate of interest Israel must pay to France's Export Risk Guarantee Fund when purchasing French goods. The new Consolidation Loan will aid immeasurably in this process.

This is in reality a loan to the Jewish Agency, Mr. Sapir said. Of the first $36m. received, the Agency has used $12m. to repay debts.

Mr. Sapir pointed to the export-import gap, which, although narrowing, still points up Israel's need for gift dollars.

**No More Borrowing**

He stressed that, as far as possible, probably until the end of the year, no new debts will be incurred by the Government.

With regard to the purchase of British registered Palestine Economic Corporation shares, Mr. Sapir said that two alternatives will face the shareholders before October, when the transfers are to be made, if they wish to sell their shares.

They will be able to sell at 20s. 6d. per £1 share, with payment in 15 semi-annual instalments, at 4% interest, or at 21s. 6d. with immediate payment. Mr. Sapir said that the Government loan obtained for paying the latter was at 6% for a three or three-and-a-half year period, a sizeable saving.

He hoped that the immediate payment for shares will help restore London's confidence in Israel debentures.

Mr. Sapir used unparliamentary language in referring to Israel registered shareholders who complain about the terms offered them by the Treasury (IL.1.400 plus 2.80 Tavel dollars per share).

He said that these shares had been purchased mainly in the last four years, and they were not entitled to the same returns as the British registered group, whose investment dates back considerably longer.

# Tel Aviv Schools Polio Free

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV, Tuesday.** — There have been no polio cases in local schools until now. Municipal school health authorities reported here today.

In the face of a reported rise in polio incidents in the kindergarten age bracket, school doctors are trying to prevent a possible "polio panic." Contrary to some reports all gymnastic classes are still regularly held in schools. Exertion on the part of the children, including sea bathing, is not in itself a cause of polio as far as specialists know, *The Jerusalem Post* was assured by several pediatricians.

There is an increase in the extent of polio among children under six years old, it was reported by health authorities here. But this was an expected trend following a year with a low incidence of the disease, a reliable source said.

A strange, but not serious, illness has struck the fifth and sixth forms of three elementary schools in Ramat Gan, causing some of the classes to close. In one school class, 30 out of the 40 pupils are absent.

The illness, which is contagious, is marked by high fever and general weakness. It passes within three to seven days. A similar illness which struck Tel Aviv last year was thought to have come from Egypt.

The Ministry of Health is investigating.

### Cinema Owner Fined for Assault

The owner of the Edison Cinema, Mr. Yonah Friedman, was fined the maximum of IL.100 by the Jerusalem Magistrate yesterday, for inflicting bodily harm on the owner of a Jerusalem upholstery shop.

Mr. Moshe Neman filed a criminal suit against the accused, charging him with assault after an argument over work carried out by Mr. Neman in the cinema.

The Magistrate, Mr. Y. Weiner, pointed out that he would not have hesitated to imprison the accused, were it not for provocation on the part of the plaintiff.

Both plaintiff and accused were bound over in their own recognisances to keep the peace. *(Itim)*

### RATION NEWS

**JERUSALEM** — Eggs for children, cards Aleph, Bet, and Gimel. additional egg on cards Gimel, Tet 19 temp. 6. Live carp: 200 gr. Tet 13, temp. 24. Frozen herring unrationed. 500 gr. frozen meat for invalids with Med. Assn. cards. Poultry for invalids with Med. Assn. cards, 750 gr.

**HAIFA AND SHOMERON** — Oil: 400 gr. Tet 10, temp. 1. Rice: for children, 250 gr. for cards Aleph, 500 gr. for cards Bet. Tet 21, temp. 21. White flour: 1 kg. Tet 6, temp. 14. Imported cheese: 200 gr. no coupon, temp. 13.

### Wide Opposition To Subsidy Rebate Plan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Citizens with a gross annual income of IL.2,000 and over may be required to reimburse the Government IL.25 for each member of the family, up to an annual limit of IL.150, on account of Government subsidization of their food and other commodities.

This was learned yesterday from the draft "Subsidy Rebate" Bill, which is a Treasury proposal now under consideration. The proposal is meeting with strong political opposition, and its future is not too clear.

If the draft Bill is duly accepted by the Cabinet and the Knesset, those with incomes of IL.4,000 and over will be required to repay IL.50 per family member, up to a IL.300 annual limit.

The payments are to be made in four quarterly instalments. War invalids are to be exempt.

Political observers point out that in addition to the General Zionist opposition to the plan, the Histadrut Trades Union Department may campaign to raise the minimum income on which rebates would be paid.

### Gov't to Raise Pay On Land Relief Jobs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Labour plans to increase the net daily wage of IL.4.100 now paid for relief works, in agricultural areas only, it was learned in Jerusalem. The new pay has not yet been determined.

About 5,000 men at present are engaged on Government-subsidized works; of these, 5,000 in agriculture would qualify for the rise.

The increase should act as an inducement to leave town and go on the land, the Ministry of Labour believes. Settlers in new villages have already been guaranteed 12 work-days a month, compared with 10 or less in other places.

In certain immigrant centres, an artificial shortage of manpower has resulted from the refusal of jobless to accept relief works. Unskilled labourers hired on a permanent basis earn IL.7 net daily in construction, and IL.5.300 in agriculture. Jobless in Tiberias and Beersheba object to afforestation work, because the eight-hour "norm" does not allow them to earn more than the minimum even if they wish to work over-time.

The first programme to improve the environs of immigrant housing estates in Jerusalem has been planned by the Ministry of Labour, which has set aside 10,000 work-days for the whole project. One hundred men will soon begin clearing scrub and planting trees on the rocky slopes at Beit Mazmil and Katamon South. They will also level plots for the residents to grow vegetables and build approach roads to the houses.

### The Millionth Overwhelmed

**BEERSHEBA, Tuesday.**—An immigrant from Baghdad, Mrs. Kurdi Shabra, 30, was overwhelmed by the fuss made about her when she bought the local bus company's millionth ticket. The town clerk escorted her to the largest store in town, where she was presented with shirts for her five children.

She is also to be given a free bus ticket for an as yet undecided length of time.

### METAL PARTICLES FOUND ON SUSPECTS' CLOTHES

Particles of sawed metal, similar to that of the bars of the recently looted Kupat Milve Veshisachon were discovered on the clothing of Nathan Schreiber, according to testimony given in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Assistant District Superintendent of Police, Meir Kaplan, who heads the police laboratory, told the Court that Schreiber's jacket was marked at one spot by the bars of the bank's window.

Nathan Schreiber and his brother Ishak, are charged with having stolen IL.25,000 from the bank on April 7.

The Court, which is now dealing with the preliminary questioning of the Schreiber brothers, will resume the hearings on Friday. *(Itim)*

### COCHINESE SETTLE IN THE SOUTH

**BEERSHEBA, Tuesday.** — A group of immigrants from Cochin moved into Nevatim, east of here, today, occupying huts prepared for them, with water already laid on and irrigation pipes provided for 13 dunams per family. The village had been abandoned by Hungarian settlers.

**7 SMALL AMBULANCES** assembled in the Kaiser Frazer plant, Haifa, were loaded in the s.s. Herguller in Haifa Port yesterday for export to Turkey.

### HU Students Vote

A total of 3,000 students at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem will go to the polls today to elect the 120 members of the Students' Council. Four lists are contesting the elections: the Labour bloc, Independents, the Union of Orthodox Students and a Communist-dominated list.

The fourth annual conference of the Israel Students' Union held in Jerusalem, which ended late on Monday night, resolved to oppose any attempt to raise tuition fees, and called upon the Government to increase its grants to the institutions of higher learning. A Presidium of three was elected.

# Judean Hill Region School Dedicated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The regional school of the Judean Hills Local Council was dedicated yesterday in a festive mood. Situated among pine trees between Kiryat Anavim and Ma'ale Hahamisha, the four two-storied buildings are to serve the surrounding settlements of Beit Nakofa, Motza, Kiryat Yearim and Neve Ilan in addition to Kiryat Anavim and Ma'ale Hahamisha.

The school, built of cement, is a model of austerity — it cost about IL.55 per square metre. The total cost was IL.83,000. There are nine elementary grade classes and two secondary classes. Two hundred and fifty pupils are attending. Of the 18 teachers, nine are members of the settlements.

In his opening remarks, the chairman of the Local Council, Mr. Menahem Katz of Ma'ale Hahamisha, stated that the school was built to replace the small and numerous classrooms of each settlement thus providing better and cheaper schooling. The school will also serve as a unifying element, as the children come from kvutzot and moshavim, and their parents are both old settlers and new immigrants, and from the East and the West. The children living close by will walk to school and the others will use a bus to be purchased by the Local Council. The buildings were designed by the Havrat Mehandess, a cooperative in Jerusalem.

A new road linking the two settlements of Kiryat Anavim and Ma'ale Hahamisha will also serve the new school. Greetings in honour of the occasion were brought by the District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, and by Mr. Yehuda Messinger on behalf of the Ihud Hakvutzot Vehakibbutzim. The visitors later visited the new dining hall of the Ma'ale Hahamisha rest home.

### Second Hoard Of Contraband Found

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**HAIFA, Tuesday.** — Police today found another cache of smuggled goods and arrested three more suspects. At 2 a.m. police uncovered a store in a village near Natanya containing 50,000 lipsticks, large quantities of sanitary rubber goods and safety razors, half a million razor blades and other goods. Last Thursday they found contraband reportedly worth IL.500,000.

The owner of the cache, Mr. Rothschild Mirzakandov, was arrested today. He represents an American investor, a partner in the Anak Zipper factory, of which S. Berger and N. Kabak, both arrested last week, are co-owners. Avraham Gogati, a porter of the Tzur steel wool factory in the lower town here, was also detained. The premises of the factory, also owned by Berger and Kabak, allegedly had been used as a temporary store for part of the goods found on Mt. Carmel last week.

A stevedore who reportedly had helped to transport the smuggled goods, was also arrested but was released on bail. A third store, discovered in Herzlia, is also believed to have been used for the contraband goods, but was found empty.

### Beggar's Death Filmed For Court

**TEL AVIV, Tuesday.**—A film reconstructing the events leading to the death of a Jaffa beggar was shown in the Tel Aviv District Court today in the trial of two brothers, roommates of the deceased, charged with murdering Abu Deas at No. 5, Rehov 149, Jaffa.

The accused, Zaki and Kemal Habub, professional beggars, play the role of the murderers in this film. The deaf-mute witness who testied yesterday has the role of the neighbour and another "actor" plays the role of the murdered man.

The film, produced by Police Sergeant G. Glaser, was shown at the request of Mr. S. Golod, defence counsel in order to show inconsistencies between the evidence of the neighbour in the court-room and the version of the events as depicted in the film. *(Itim)*

### Free Ride For Minding Sheep

**HAIFA, Tuesday.** — The s.s. Rio Bermejo arrived from Argentina today with 340 tons of frozen meat and 193 fat and woolly sheep for Sde Boker.

The ship was decorated with pennants in honour of Argentine Independence Day today.

The sheep, all ewes to be used for breeding, were brought over by Mr. Eliahu Sietton, of Rio de Janeiro, who took care of them in return for a free ticket to visit his relatives here. Mr. Sietton, who speaks some Hebrew, received a few days' training in sheep care before the journey. He told *The Jerusalem Post* that it was easy work "even for a beginner." The animals were housed in covered sheds on deck.

The m.v. Albuonova also arrived here today with 63 tons of frozen meat from Eritrea. She passed through the Suez Canal.

### LEVANON ON LEAVE

**TEL AVIV, Tuesday.** — Mayor Haim Levanon was today ordered by his doctor to take a one week rest out of town. Mr. S. Shoshani will be Acting Mayor in his absence.

### End of the World — Start of the War

**The Rumours Fly in Rome, Honk Konk**

**ROME, Tuesday (Reuter).** — Thousands of Italians went red-eyed and weary to work today after waiting up anxiously last night for the end of the world, rumoured to be due at midnight.

Ernesto Misturil, 60, jumped from a railway bridge in Casale Monferrato in Piedmont after telling his friends that "if the world is going to end one might as well get it over with quickly."

A group of Roman women sought the Pope's blessing in the Vatican. Tension was increased by overcast skies in many parts of the country yesterday. But today was radiant with brilliant sunshine from blue skies.

**HONG KONG, Tuesday (Reuter).** — Sailors serving in American warships and transports here were recalled to their ships today.

The sudden order for their immediate return to the ships set Hong Kong buzzing with rumours including one that a United States warship or one given by America to Chiang Kai-shek had been sunk or damaged in Formosa strait.

Another rumour said that Chinese Communists had begun an attack on Nationalist-held Tachen island, 200 miles south of Shanghai.

The U.S. Consul-General allayed fears when he explained it was simply to permit the overnight issue of new pay certificates.

# Safe from the Siege

*Wounded soldiers from Dien Bien Phu, brought by helicopter to Luang Prabang, are transferred to a Red Cross Dakota, which took them to Hanoi.* Express Photo

### Off to Poland For Trade Talks

**TEL AVIV, Tuesday.** — Mr. I. Nedivi, of the Economic Division of the Foreign Ministry, left by El Al for Vienna today, on his way to Poland to take part in negotiations for renewal of the Israel-Polish economic agreement.

Before leaving, Mr. Nedivi said that the previous agreement signed in 1951, had been only partly implemented. The impending talks would include the possibility of increasing citrus exports to Poland and the liquidation of a $200,000 debt owing by Poland from the previous pact.

Other possible exports to Poland are citrus by-products and industrial goods. Israel is interested in buying Polish grain sugar and timber for citrus crates.

Other members of the Israel delegation, due to leave at the end of the week, are: Mr. H. N. Gillerman, of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Mr. M. Tzur of the Ministry of Finance; Mr. A. Weissberg of the Citrus Marketing Board; and Mr. R. Nussbaum, of the Manufacturers' Association. *(Itim)*

### 16-Year-Old Elopes, Or Is Abducted

**TEL AVIV, Tuesday.** — The parents of a 16-year-old girl reported to the police today her alleged abduction last evening by three unknown persons from their home on Rehov Hakovshim.

Police investigations indicated that the girl had probably eloped with a confirmed criminal who had courted her. The man, it appears, reached an "agreement" with a brother of the girl that he would marry her on her 16th birthday. When the day arrived, the parents objected to the marriage. It is assumed, therefore, that the couple decided to plan an "abduction."

Police unsuccessfully searched today for the couple in the Hatikva quarter here. *(Itim)*

### Hungary Ties Economic System with Soviet

**VIENNA, Tuesday (Reuter).** — The Secretary-General of the Hungarian Communist Party, Mr. Matyas Rakosi, in a four-hour speech, told the Party leadership yesterday that Hungary is well on the way to integration in the Soviet economic system.

Speaking to the Party Congress Mr. Rakosi said that the next five-year plan would be geared to that of the Soviet Union. Hitherto the Hungarian five-year plans have begun one year ahead of the Russian. The current Hungarian plan finishes at the end of this year. Mr. Rakosi said that 1955 would be "an interim year", and the five-year cycle would begin in 1956, at the same time as the Soviet.

(The Czechoslovak Communist Party announced a similar decision last December).

The Soviet Union President, Marshal Voroshilov, is attending the Congress.

### HAILE SELASSIE ASKS US AID

**NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter).** — Emperor Haile Selassie, of Ethiopia, began a 50-day visit to America today with a call for American capital investment in his country.

The monarch told reporters who questioned him Ethiopians "would be only too pleased to see more American business enterprise and capital."

### DISCHARGED SOLDIER WISHES TO INVEST

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# US Must Deport Alien Communists

**WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter).**—The U.S. Supreme Court here upheld in a seven to two vote as constitutional a section of the Internal Security Act which says that an alien must be deported if he becomes a Communist after entering the United States.

Justice Frankfurter, who wrote the majority decision, said the High Court must recognize the power of Congress to deal with aliens.

The decision involved a Government order for the deportation of Robert Galvan, a Mexican, who came into this country in 1918 and was a member of the Communist Party in San Diego until 1946.

Senator James Eastland, (Democrat, Mississippi), has proposed a constitutional amendment which would permit racial segregation in any state which desired it.

He introduced a resolution in Congress calling for a referendum to change the Constitution and prevent interference by the federal government with the right of States to legislate on health, morals, education and marriage within their boundaries.

If approved by Congress, the proposal would be submitted to the States. Three-quarters of the States would have to approve it within seven years for it to become effective.

### Johnston: M.E. Friction May Lead to War

**OMAHA, Tuesday (Reuter).** — President Eisenhower's special ambassador to the Middle East, Mr. Eric Johnston, stated at a press conference here yesterday that the region was an "area of spontaneous combustion."

Mr. Johnston said he did not believe that there was much hope in getting the Israelis and the Arabs to settle their economic disputes jointly. The best chance for settlement he felt was in getting them to act unilaterally with the United States.

### *Cables in Brief*

**ARRESTED.** — West German police today announced the arrest on treason charges of five leading members of the West German Communist Party during the past three days on orders from the prosecutor at the Supreme Court in Karlsruhe.

**BIRTHDAY.**—President Tito's 62 birthday yesterday was celebrated by the traditional "Tito relay" bringing greetings from all over the country. Hundreds of thousands of youths and children took part.

**VISIT.** — The Turkish Prime Minister, Mr. Adnan Menderes, has accepted an invitation by the American Government to visit Washington. Mr. Menderes is expected to leave by air on Sunday.

**EXCHANGE.**—American Forces radio stations warned American throughout West Europe yesterday they must change their military currency by noon in a surprise move against black marketeers.

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South-East Asia security pact might be formed without Britain, he replied that was a hypothetical question. He went on to say, however, that he had every reason to expect that if collective defence in South-East Asia is organized, the United Kingdom will play a part in it.

When he was asked whether he believed that the Communists were stalling in Geneva in order to gain political and military advantages, Mr. Dulles replied that that is a possible interpretation.

The Secretary said that he could not answer a question as to whether the United States wanted to organize collective action before the Geneva Conference ends, because no one knew when it would end. When speaking of the possible 'five-Power military talks in Washington on South-East Asia, Mr. Dulles remarked that on the military side there are also consultations going on with Thailand and the Philippines.

He said that Secretary of Defence Charles E. Wilson is in Manila now and will have conversations with officials there on their military position.

He concluded by saying that if the five-nation military talks are held in Washington, they will in no sense be a substitute for any political conversations, nor would they be in any sense exclusive. By this latter he apparently meant to reaffirm that these five nations were not the only ones who eventually would be consulted on military action in South-East Asia.

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THE resumption in Washington of the hearings in the McCarthy-Army investigation again focuses the attention of the world on a figure who, for worse rather than for better, has made himself, to the world at large, representative of one face of America.

## MCCARTHYISM ON TRIAL

The Senatorial enquiry has already had the effect of clearly crystallizing opinion in the United States for or against the "Junior Senator from Winconsin." Up to the televised hearings, and despite the regularity with which Mr. McCarthy hit the headlines, there was a considerable mass of opinion in the United States which felt that it was a mistake to make McCarthy an issue and that he represented a demagogic phase in American politics which would pass. Today, the pro-McCarthyites are absolutely confirmed in their devotion to the man, and his opponents equally confirmed in their detestation of him, and convinced that the Senator represents a real menace to the true American way of life, which must be dealt with. There are no longer neutrals; the fence is empty of sitters, people have now come down on one side or the other.

The catalyst in this case was only secondarily the attempt by McCarthyism to smear the Army and the efforts made to obtain preferential treatment for Schine. It has been the baiting of the Army and the challenge presented to the President himself which has made America face up to the issue. McCarthy, with the boldness which no one denies him, realized that at last it was all or nothing. He had to challenge the President at some time and if he found him reacting weakly in connection with the Army then he, McCarthy, immediately became the biggest man in the Republican Party and even the road to the White House would lie open. The alternative was the path back into political obscurity, possibly the pressing of the Benton charges against him and a tidal wave of public revulsion. McCarthy decided to play for high stakes.

The volume of support he has gathered must in no sense be underestimated. His manner of putting himself forward as the voice of the American people, the way in which he projects himself as their symbol; as the man who is prepared to be persecuted for them while he saves them from the Communist menace, his assumption of strength and confidence; "I will not allow this to happen to the American people!" brings solace to the millions whose faith—undermined ironically enough by McCarthyism as much as anything—is little, and whose hysterical fears — emanating from the same source — are great.

On the other hand, the same self-projection of McCarthy has been the force which has gradually caused the growth and crystallization of the anti-McCarthy feeling. Men and women in their millions in America are loath to be defended by the quack methods that McCarthy employs and by all that this mountebank represents. They feel that something which was inherently American, democratic and ethical has got lost on the way and that it will not be found again if the search is to be led by the Senator from Winsconsin. That it still exists in abundant measure was shown only last week by the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court in ruling against racial discrimination in public schools and by the breath of nationwide thankfulness with which that judgment was received.

No one can forecast what the ultimate result of the present investigation will be. McCarthy is adroit enough to pass the blame and unpopularity, which will undoubtedly accrue, onto the shoulders of Messrs. Cohn and Schine, who will doubtless emerge as the villains of the piece. If the American Jewish community will not reap a rich dividend of increased anti-Semitism from the unsavoury business it will be only because the general disgust with the whole sorry chapter will be enough to create a general revulsion in favour of the wholesome values which, even if very temporarily obscured, are paramount in American life.

# France's Military Reverses Spark Moroccan Extremists

By St. J. DONN-BYRNE

PARIS (OFNS).—

THE fall of Dien Bien Phu and the advance of the Vietminh in Indo-China is expected to bring a new clamour from extremist groups here which have been advocating an abandonment of Indo-China and a firm military consolidation of the French position in North Africa —and especially in Morocco.

There is significant support for this view from elements of the French Army, which is traditionally North Africa-minded. Whether reverses in Indo-China will impose a new degree of caution has to be seen. The fact is that disquieting tension in Morocco, which has been officially admitted, has led the French Press to point to the existence of elements which could develop into civil war there. It is also certain that anti-French feeling in Morocco will have gained courage from the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

### Civil War Danger

The situation was brought into focus at a meeting of the French Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee by the Independent Member, M. Roland de Moustier, who is chairman of a delegation sent recently to French North Africa. He spoke of the possibility of Morocco sliding into anarchy and civil war if something were not done quickly.

The revelation of the existence o. clandestine groups, either of Frenchmen or of pro-French Moroccans, whose aim is the assassination of nationalist leaders, has caused many misgivings. The news was contained in a bulletin of political information put out by the Secretariat-General of the Agadir Region. Criticism has also been levelled at the police, who have been driven to unusual lengths to keep the situation under control in Morocco's more crowded districts. Last week, for instance, brought news of the arrest of 800 suspects in Casablanca, for "screening" purposes.

### Terrorism Increasing

At the root of the problem is the fact that Morocco has not accepted the change in Sultans effected by the French last year, even though the ex-Sultan has shown himself reconc'ed to his exile in Madagascar. The political and civil reforms which he assiduously blocked have remained in suspense. The powerful Pasha of Marrakesh, El Glaoui, whose support was a major factor in enabling the French to expel the former Sultan, feels that such reforms would undermine the authority which he wields over the vast tribal areas of the south. And El Glaoui is the only man capable of keeping the restive tribes along the Algerian border in a more or less peaceable frame of mind.

Meanwhile, terrorism is increasing. The main agency in the terrorism is Istiqlal, the outlawed Independence Party. Three instances of its effectiveness are noteworthy. In the past, daily prayers were said in the mosques for the Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef. On the change of Sultans, the prayer leaders altered their prayers in favour of the new ruler, Sidi Mohammed Ben Arafa. Threats were made by Istiqlal, and several people were killed. Prayers are now prudently said simply in the name of "Sidi Mohammed."

An Istiqlal order banned television as being designed to instil the spirit of France into homes. As usual, the penalty for flouting the order was death, and the television aerial took on a new significance. Back to the radio shops went hundreds of sets, and the money spent on them in deposits and part-payment was written off.

The Istiqlal even prohibited smoking, on the ground that the sale of tobacco benfited France. The penalty is death. The sale of cigarettes in Morocco is said to be down by 60 per cent.

## COOLEST SPOT IN SHARAV

*Gliding across their shady lake in the Zoo, these swans are without doubt the most immaculately groomed inhabitants of Tel Aviv this week.* Photo by Levin.

# A Gulf Between Minds

By FRED JARVIS,
President of England's National Union of Students who recently led a party of British University students on a visit to Russia.

LOOKING across at Mr. Elyutin, the Soviet Minister for Higher Education, I felt he was getting a little tired. It was understandable. Sitting at the head of a long baize-topped table with 20 chairs placed omnibus-fashion on either side—standard equipment in offices likely to be visited by foreign delegations—he had been answering our questions for nearly three hours.

Someone put another question to him. "Our students always like to have the *facts*," replied Mr. Elyutin, sharply. "They are against someone imposing false, second-hand opinions upon them."

"Then shall we be able to read and see pictures of Trotsky's part in the Revolution?" I asked.

"For that it is necessary to reveal the facts which show the role and quality of Trotsky in the Revolution," the Minister replied.

One of his subordinates joined in. "Trotsky had always been a traitor. History has already proved that," he said, as though he were reciting a mathematical formula.

"Our students know that Trotsky was a traitor and an enemy of the people and none of them will wish to read of him," added the Deputy Minister for Higher Education, who was also present.

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THANKS to the efficiency of the Soviet education system, the Ministry and his colleagues could certainly depend on their students.

We met many of them in informal discussions at universities and institutes in Moscow, Leningrad, Kharkov, and Armenia. Generally they seemed younger than British students, and a higher proportion were women.

The majority were poorly dressed—the styles were reminiscent of Western fashions of the early thirties, and cloth of cheap quality. Their clothes would have been frowned upon by most working-class people here. Yet it seemed that many came from what we would consider the professional classes.

At each place they would crowd round, curious to see what we looked like, eager to talk and ask questions.

Their political questions were invariably the same, though put less frequently the farther one travelled from Moscow (the party line seems to thin a little by the time it reaches Armenia). They wanted our opinion on American bases in Britain, German rearmament, Geneva, Mr. Bevan, the Berlin Conference, and Mr. Molotov's latest note.

Their inquisitiveness was like that of young Americans, and their 64-rouble question "Why can't the Soviet Union join Nato?" If one argued that Nato was a defensive alliance, they would ask "From whom does Britain expect attack?" To suggest the Soviet Union usually brought hoots of laughter. "The Soviet Union has never been aggressive," they would chorus.

They were always anxious to know one's impressions of the Soviet Union but would show pained surprise at any adverse comment. Such is their conviction of Soviet perfection that to fail to eulogize the Metro, suggest that Moscow architecture is ugly, to condemn the heavy manual work done by women, would generally provoke either a spirited defence of all things Soviet, or a silence which implied dishonesty on the part of the critic.

If one remarked on the apparent absence of political opposition and the ubiquity of political slogans, they were amused. Yet when one of our party suggested to a girl student in Leningrad that a disheartening feature of the Soviet Union was the absence of criticism of the regime, she replied, "Nonsense. There is a Government decree asking for criticism." "Then what criticisms do you have?" he asked. "None," she replied.

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THE discussions were invariably conducted in a very friendly atmosphere — there was no mistaking the warmth of the students' welcome and their sincere desire for friendship; they were immensely likable as persons. But their conception of the outside world, their complete faith in the rightness and infallibility of the Soviet regime, was frightening. It was as if there was a factory somewhere mass-producing minds, just as there is obviously at least one factory very busy producing white busts of Lenin and Stalin.

Such is the intensity of their belief, compared with one's reservations about our own way of life, that at times they left one wondering if perhaps they were right after all. They seemed happy; there was no sign of a generation wanting to overthrow a harsh regime.

Their satisfaction with the life is understandable enough. If you are told that Britain today is as Dickens described it 60 years ago, and there is no opportunity to check the facts, you will not wish to change places with a British student, especially if in your own lifetime there have been real improvements in the standard of living — with TV sets, motor-cycles and refrigerators (albeit of rather inferior quality) just round the corner.

But one would still expect any normal, intelligent Soviet student to be at any rate sceptical of some of the things his Government, Press and radio tell him. Or is it that he becomes accustomed, after years of intellectual somersaults, to outwardly repeating the current "line" whilst inwardly regarding it as so much nonsense to be stomached for the sake of a quiet life?

I thought that at least when discussing Beria one would get a clue, some slight hint of disbelief. But such discussions only confirmed my worst fears.

One night in our hotel at Kharkov I asked Jiri, a 30-year-old history post-graduate who was attached to the delegation as a guide, if he had believed the accusations made against Beria.

"Of course," he replied, "I am convinced he was a spy."

"But do you think he was a spy for 30 years? How could he possibly escape detection for so long and reach such a powerful position?" I asked.

"Because he was a very clever spy."

"If it is possible for a spy to become a member of the Soviet War Cabinet and be appointed Deputy Prime Minister by Mr. Malenkov, do you think any of the present Government might be spies?"

"No," he replied. "They are all known and trusted by the people."

"But wasn't Beria known and trusted too? Wasn't he a 'great leader' according to 'Pravda'?"

"No, Beria was never a great leader. Only Stalin was a great leader. Beria only took office in 1938."

"Aren't you at least a little disturbed that such a thing happened?"

"No, I am glad because it shows the strength of the Party."

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THE strength of the Party! In three weeks I heard only one voice challenge "the strength of the Party." It belonged to Mikhail Zoschchenko, the celebrated Soviet satirist, who sank into oblivion in 1947 after Zhdanov had accused him of "the petit-bourgeois spirit of disparagement."

We had been invited to meet about 20 Leningrad writers in their club and to our surprise Zoschchenko appeared, together with another victim of Zhdanov's strictures, Anna Akhmatova, the poet. The meeting was lively from the word "go" — some of our party had raised the ghost of Dostoevski and the writers got rather heated. Except Zoschchenko.

He sat next to the chairman, a garrulous and rather stupid poet, and said nothing. A frail, grey-haired man in his sixties, neatly dressed in a dark suit that enhanced his pale complexion; only when asked if he would describe his reactions on being criticized by Zhdanov—virtually his literary death sentence — did he speak.

Choosing his words carefully, he said: "I did not agree with Zhdanov's opinions and wrote a letter to Stalin and the Central Committee. This is why: when I started my literary career Soviet society wasn't as it is now. There was a society of smug citizens, a society of Philistines. My satirical blows were aimed at this society. I didn't mean Soviet citizens who were born and educated later. Therefore I didn't agree with the sharp criticism dealt at me, though I admit I had made my mistakes.

"I assure you that I am not making any bargain with my conscience. I write as I wish, but I write in a different way because great changes have taken place in the last 20 years and our people have changed. It is quite natural that I write in a different manner and my personal attitude to satire has changed.

"But I don't know to what extent I was to blame in 1947. Personally I did not think myself wrong. My literary ability and humour I gave to the Soviet people.

"I understand that humour and laughter is a very complicated business, and since it is necessary now I will come back to what I started with. We are again in need of satire."

They are indeed.

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## ESTIMATE OF SOVIET STRENGTH

LONDON.—Replying to a request for information about the Soviet forces, British Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Anthony Nutting, told the House of Commons that Russia now has 350 submarines, compared with 215 at the end of World War II. Half are of the large or medium ocean-going type, more of which are being built.

Manpower in the Soviet Navy has increased from 600,000 in 1951 to 750,000 today, and the Navy is capable of a considerable air and sea minelaying effort. Manpower in the Air Force has remained at about 800,000, and the number of aircraft is close to 20,000. Nearly all Russian fighter planes are jets, as against only 20 per cent in 1951. Well over two-thirds of the light bombers are also jet-propelled.

The ground forces consist of about 175 divisions — about 3,200,000 men. The Army has been mechanized and modernized, in the past three years, and its mobility and fire power are improving steadily. The rifle divisions have been given motorized equipment and additional artillery. The Soviet Army now has over 50,000 tanks, an increase of 20 per cent over 1951.

The other People's Republics and East Germany can now put up about 80 ground divisions, and their total aircraft strength is 7,000, of which half are jet fighters. Air force manpower in these countries has increased from 50,000 in 1951 to nearly 90,000, Mr. Nutting said.

(Reuter)

# Operation 'Compensation' Begins

## *Landowners Receive Payment for Appropriated Plots*

By GIDEON WEIGERT

I HAD not met Sheikh Ahmed for over two years. The Jaffa-Tel Aviv road was so crowded the other day that I almost collided with the old sheikh in his black long robe and the white kerchief tied round the red tarbush without noticing him, but he stopped me "In the name of Allah, my son, you are exactly the person I have been looking for," he exclaimed, extracting a worn-out leather wallet from his breast pocket, and showing me a crisp Bank Leumi cheque for IL.1,350 in his name. "Could you please show me where I can cash it? It's from *Hawaja* Zukerman's place," he yielded to my repeated questions — "in compensation for 17 dunams of land."

After having delivered Sheikh Ahmed safely to the Bank's entrance, I had little difficulty in finding the place he had just left. Following a stream of *keffiya*-wearing Arab villagers up two flights of stairs I found myself in front of an insignificant door with a sign saying "Yoav Zukerman" in English, Hebrew and Arabic. The Southern Headquarters of "Operation-paying-compensation-for-the-1953 - Land Acquisition-Law" (there are also offices in Haifa and Tiberias) was jammed to capacity with Negev Beduin with brown *abaiyas*, Little Triangle villagers, tarbush-capped urban Arabs and a sprinkling of Jews.

The Law of 1953 considers persons whose land was not in their use in April 1952, because it had been taken over for security, development, or settlement purposes, entitled to compensation from its purchaser, the Development Authority on the basis of the price of land in 1951. Where landowners have been earning their living from agricultural work, they should first be given a sufficiently large agricultural unit for their use (on freehold or lease, as they desire).

**Persons regarded as absentees under the Law of 1950 but residing in Israel are now included for the first time in the category of land owners.**

### Tea and Cakes

While an assistant made the rounds offering Oriental hospitality — tea, coffee and cakes— one after the other the applicants, who sat patiently on small stools in the two-room office, took their seat before the clerk. Here the first registration of compensation claims is made and the labour begins of taking down all necessary facts and figures and sorting out dozens of documents ranging from Turkish "Kushans" land property certificates, to land tax receipts and inheritance certificates.

The clerk asks his questions patiently in excellent Arabic and puts the replies together as in a jig-saw puzzle. How many dunams have been acquired from you? In which block and parcel? How much land do you still have in your village? Was the land taken from you for summer crops or orchards, orange or olive groves? Have any houses or other establishments been taken away? Is the land your own or do you share ownership? What is the plot you would like to get in exchange? Slowly the picture emerges.

The applicant then waits his turn to bring up the more crucial problems with *"Hadrat el Mudeer,"* the manager, *Hawaja* Zukerman, a tall, grey veteran Gedera settler, who for 15 years has been buying land for the Jewish National Fund in the entire Negev.

**There is hardly a Beduin sheikh, a mukhtar or a Jaffa merchant to whom the name Zukerman is not familiar. They all know him intimately and highly respect him and his word. "We need two more Zukermans in Israel," I heard a Beduin sheikh say, "then our situation would be different today."**

Everyone is shown into Mr. Zukerman's room, if not for explanation or questions, then at least to receive his warm welcome and drink more coffee. The atemosphere is one of cordiality and mutual confidence. True, not a single villager from the Little Triangle fails to start off by complaining how hard it was for him to obtain the exit permit from the Military Governor that enabled him to come to Jaffa, although the office of the Military Governor denies this.

Each individual case raises its technical problems. The land is often owned by several persons, of whom some want to receive compensations while others do not. There are inheritance problems which need delicate handling. There are also hundreds of cases in which the applicants have lost their respective receipts and ownership certificates. These are transferred for a decision to special committees of government officials and village notables, which measure the claim and take evidence from all parties concerned.

The hundreds of cases in which land, not cash, compensation is given are referred to another committee, headed by Mr. Aloni of the Ministry of Agriculture, which makes the allocation. The bulk of these applicants already know in advance just what they want. The average plot each family receives is about 25 dunams.

Mr. Zukerman is on loan from the J.N.F. to the Development Authority, and his long experience with work with Arab villagers was one factor in his success in his present delicate job. So far, ont of the 500 applicants or so his office has received and the 100 claims he has settled satisfactorily, there has not been recourse to the courts. As a matter of fact, some Ara landlords who had taken their cases to the courts before the office opened have now withdrawn their claims preferring to settle their demands directly with the *Hawaja's* office.

Mr. Zukerman's ear is open to every single applicant: the complicated work of his staff is done efficiently, and within a month of the submission of the first application the case has usually been cleared up, the checking completed and a final settlement drafted.

### Signing Ceremony

The climax of *Hawaja* Zukerman's activities comes, of course, towards the end of a day's reception, when the completed files are brought before him and the applicants are ushered in. This is a festive ceremony.

The village mukhtar, a number of witnesses and Mr. Zukerman's aides all jam the tiny office to capacity. More Turkish coffee is served, the documents are signed and countersigned, and the cheques and the land certificates are handed to each applicant.

But one unspoken question is left hanging in the air of this tiny room — the question of the 900,000 dunams involved in this operation. Where the property is given to peasants who have been landless since the birth of Israel, it enables them to begin a fresh and productive start in life, but what about those who prefer cash compensation? How are they likely to invest these large sums, which are estimated to total some seven million pounds?

Is this money to find its way across the armistice lines in the form of smuggled foreign currency or diamonds? Is it to be spent for an unproductive life of luxury, or is it to be invested in productive and creative schemes which promise an assured economic situation of Israel's Arabs at large? I could not get the slightest hint from Mr. Zukerman, or from any other government body concerned with the implementation of this law, that serious efforts are being made to advise the receivers of compensation in the right direction. The implementation of the law has just begun: it is not yet too late to do something constructive about this.

*Nature Notes*

# *Shy and Dainty Oriole*

BRIGHT gold and black, with a sweetly piercing fluting pipe, the Golden oriole *(Oriolus oriolus)* should be a bird known to us all. But it is here for so short a time, and it is so shy, that very few of us, even when on the look-out for him, have ever seen him. The oriole's whistle, once heard, is not forgotten; and indeed it is heard pretty constantly in the early morning. He seems to be after the first black mulberries.

But it is only in May that we can hear and possibly see the oriole — he belongs to the group of birds designated as *passing migrants*. They honour us only on their way to and from their nesting grounds, like the storks, and fly North after a luxurious but transitory rest. Like the storks, too, they are more often seen in spring than in autumn, for the prevailing wind at the latter time drives them further inland.

The bird is 25 cm. long, that is the size of a thrush, and the male is so brightly and curiously coloured, with only his wings and the upper part of his tail black, all the rest almost orange, that he should be easily seen. But he rarely comes to the ground, and slips about between the leaves searching for insects. When he does come down for the purpose of picking up a dainty he has espied, he hops awkwardly, never walking or running. *P. A.*

# MUSICAL DIARY

HASSIA Levy is an artist who has ideas and talent. She dedicated the first part of her dance recital at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday to five "variations on Jewish themes." We were captivated by the curtain raiser, "Delilah" (music by P. Ben-Haim), a seductive study of floating movements, in which, well in the Oriental tradition, the uncommonly expressive hands of this dancer had the leading part, excellently contrasted with the deeply moving "Kaddish" (Ravel). It has to be said that even a dance-composition like "No Way Out" (E. Bloch) was neither tormenting nor cramped thanks to the harmonic and relaxed appearance of this extremely attractive dancer. Arieh Sachs (piano) was the musical director of this section.

The second part brought something novel and provocative on to this country's dance stage. After a chiselled Sarabande (Handel) there was the world *premiere* of a dance suite, "Painters' Gallery," opening with a stylish "El Greco." Hassia Levy was bright and gay awakening Galatea-like and escaping from the frame with irresistible charm, waltzing as Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" (music by Zaral), and outdoing herself in the grotesque-eccentric "Picasso," to an exquisite design by Benalel Schatz and revolting surrealist curtains of sound by Y. Zaral, at the piano.

The poignant climax came with "Chant for Dark Hours," based on a poem by Dorothy Parker, in which Miss Levy was assisted by Hadassah Kohler (contralto); Amihud Spigel (violin); Eliani (ornaments).

While Hassia Levy's choreography and costumes were a real pleasure, the same could not be said for Yardena Segal's recitation from the Bible.

THE third in the series of the Y.M.C.A.'s bi-monthly variety programmes, "The Circle," was produced with instinctive showmanship by Yohanan Zaral, who marked with two series of "living" concerts and broadcasts throughout the country, offers, above all, an opportunity for Israel composers to hear their works, and to accustom the public to the less popular voices of present-day Israel music. I gained much satisfaction, (and no less pleasure at that !) by listening to exclusively Israel music during the last Saturday morning concert of "Kol Yisrael." The works played on this occasion, "Reflections" by Tal, the Viola Concerto b Jacoby, Wohl's Rondo Pathetico and the Suite of Greek Dances by Salomon were good *Shabbat* fare.

This is one example of how the Month of Jewish Music stimulates creative artistic efforts in this country. On May 30, the national Month of Jewish Music and the International Festival of Contemporary Music will unite to a single current of progressive thought and sounds.

The way from Salzburg, where the idea to promote new music throughout the world was conceived in 1922, to the 28th Festival of the International Society for Contemporary Music in Haifa, was beset with difficulties and setbacks, but the insistent efforts of the composers who work in the 12-note scale were finally rewarded.

In the late 'twenties, the idyllic town of Donaueschingen in the South of Germany was the centre of the I.S.C.M.'s activities, with men like Hindemith, Berg, Webern, Schoenberg, Krenek and Scherchen in the forefront of the experimentalists. And although J.S.C.M. remained mainly an experimental agency, the growing popularity of modern music justifies the existence of the group.

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# Readers' Letters

### DOCTORS' STRIKE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your leader of May 19, "Doctors on Strike," some of the lines are likely to give the reader an utterly false picture of the situation. At no time was the Israel Medical Association a branch of the Histadrut, and therefore your stirctures on "ignoring the sovereignty of the national trade union leadership" and "anarchy in industrial relations" are entirely out of place. It is the Israel Medical Association and not the Histadrut which protects the interests of the medical profession.

A few years ago, a workable compromise was reached between the Israel Medical Association and the Histadrut in respect of Kupat Holim doctors who belong to both organizations, but at no time has the Israel Medical Association relinquished its rights to defend all members of the organization. The fact that in spite of all difficulties, even threats, the Kupat Holim doctors have remained loyal to the Israel Medical Association shows clearly how unbearable the situation of the salaried physicians has become.

Yours, etc.,
*I.K.*

Jerusalem, May 21.

### SALUTE FROM U.S.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The readers of *The Jerusalem Post* may be interested in hearing that a concert given at the world famous Golden Gate Park in San Francisco on May 9 by the Park Band devoted half of its programme to the celebration of Israel Independence Day. Israel music, including works by Ben-Haim, Karel Salomon and Shabtai Petrushka, and Israel dances were presented. Yours etc.,

*ALFRED SCHNEIDER*

San Francisco, May 10.


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